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In re the Application of: **Masafumi BABA et al.**

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the requirement for an election of species dated December 22, 2006, applicants elect to prosecute Species I, the embodiment disclosed starting on page 7, line 36, labeled as "First Embodiment"; in particular, in this embodiment, the processing unit starts writing print data from the print data storing unit to the spool file storing unit before the processing unit finishes storing the print data in the print data storing unit. (Page 9, lines 9-16). It is believed that claims 1-3 read on the elected species. The applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

The applicant respectfully requests an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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